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## Viewing cable 06BUCHAREST1908, BREAKING WITH THE PAST: PRESIDENT BASESCU ISSUES

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- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">06BUCHAREST1908</a>	<a href="#">2006-12-29 12:25</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Bucharest</a>

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SUBJECT: BREAKING WITH THE PAST: PRESIDENT BASESCU ISSUES  
FORMAL CONDEMNATION OF COMMUNIST RULE IN ROMANIA

Classified By: PolCouns Ted Tanoue for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Summary. At a special parliamentary session, President Traian Basescu publicly condemned the communist regime that ruled the country be
  2. (SBU) In a week when Romanians commemorated the 17th anniversary of the December 1989 overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu, President Traian Base
  3. (SBU) The session marked the release of a 663-page report of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Communist Dictatorship in Romania
  4. (SBU) Basescu also endorsed several follow-up steps recommended by the commission, including establishing a Memorial Day and national monum
  5. (SBU) The commission report also named prominent perpetrators, including former communist party leaders Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej and Nicolae
  6. (C) Several political parties with lineages linked to the communist regime—including the PRM, PSD, and Conservative Party (led by ex-Securi
  7. (C) In a subsequent meeting with Ambassador and Polcouns, commission head Tismaneanu agreed with the Ambassador's characterization of the p
  8. (C) Tismaneanu said the Romanian Orthodox church had also strongly attacked the report. The security services had been loathe to allow Comm
  9. (C) Comment: President Basescu's formal condemnation of communist misrule was welcome, if long overdue; previous attempts by leading Romani
- End Comment.